

The Alma Record.

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Just Ten
More Days

A GAIN The Alma Record begins to call attention to the fact that on January 1, 1917, the subscription price of The Record will go to \$1.50 a year. Our subscribers have only 10 days more to get their renewals in our office at the old rate of \$1.00 per year. All subscribers may pay as far in advance as \$1.00 per year as they see fit. The only requirement is that all back subscriptions be paid, before anything in advance is taken.

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Symbols of
The Tree

The tree of the ancient faiths, the symbol of human existence, is symbolized by a tree called the "Tree of Life," the "world tree" or "tree of existence." The most extended elaboration of this idea is found in the old Norse mythology. Yggdrasil, the world tree, has three roots, one reaching to heaven, one to hell, one to earth. The serpent gnaws at the foot of Yggdrasil, seeking the desire tree of the universe, and near to it are the three norns who spin the fates of all mankind. The old English nursery rhyme is the same tree bursting into beauty in the spring. In the early calendars Adam and Eve were commemorated on Christmas eve, their symbol being the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The next day was the day of Christ, whose symbol was the tree of life, or the cross. So when men's minds were escaping from paganism the tree of old mythology became associated with the Nativity and again with the cross.

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of school from Allen district No. 2, E. C. Pine, River township, for month ending December 1:

Number of scholars in attendance, 24.

Average daily attendance, 24.

The scholars that have not been tardy or absent during past three months are Mildred Fitzgerald, Frank Ingraham, Stanley Palmer, Donald Kyes and Harriet Haney.

Those not absent the past month are Wilfred Kolhoff, Johnnie Moegenborg, Harry Moegenborg, Celeste Robke, Lucinda Robke, Zelman Divilbiss, Harvey Palmer, Curtis Ingraham and Silvarius Bendele.

Those tardy but not absent are Elmer O'Boyle, Virgil O'Boyle, Ross Grover, Lucile Grover, Alpheus Ingraham and Charlie Richardson.

We especially invite all parents to visit us.

LORA PRIEST, Teacher.

GO-TO-SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUNDAY

Don't let the Christmas festivities and the rush of the season make you forget that on January 14, 1917, occurs the great united effort of all the churches to induce people to visit the Sunday schools. If the church people will show an interest in the movement, and go "half way" to meet people outside the churches, they will not be disappointed and great results will be seen from their efforts.

How many superintendents and preachers started the movement last Sunday? Or did they think "some other time would do." Every Sunday school superintendent and pastor were written a personal letter in time for Sunday last. Did your superintendent and pastor begin the work? If not, ask him why not?

Is your Sunday school a dead one? Let's resurrect it. Let's all work together to make the day a great day for the boys and girls, men and women of Gratiot.

1. Don't forget the program.
2. Every class make a list of those who do not attend any school.
3. Write personal card invitations to each one.
4. Have special program so they will be pleased when they come.
5. Don't wait for "George" to do it, but get busy and help.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Maryett Sanford of this city passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parks, on Grant avenue, after a long siege of illness. She left behind to mourn their loss her husband, Daniel Sanford, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parks also of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Inez Imhoff of Gull Lake, Sask., Canada, Miss Sarahett Parks of this city, and three brothers, Richard E. Parks of Lansing, Frank Parks of this city and Homer Parks, who resides with his parents. Funeral was held at M. E. church Tuesday, December 19, 1916, at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Brownlow conducting the services. Burial took place at the Shepherd cemetery.

THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's church, Rev. John A. Mulvey, pastor. Sunday, December 24th, High Mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Christmas, Low Mass and communion at 6:30 a. m. High Mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m.

St. John's church. The regular Sunday services will be held. The subject for the morning service, "The Word in the Wilderness." There will be a Christmas service at St. John's church on Christmas day at 9:30 a. m. There will be holy communion and sermon. The Christmas tree for the Sunday school of St. John's church will be held on Thursday, the 28th, the festival of the holy innocents. There will be a parish supper and the members are requested to be present.

Regular services will be held at the Pine Street Church of Christ with preaching both morning and evening by the pastor, M. G. Ault.

Christian Science. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in the Alma State Savings Bank building. Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, and 7:30 Wednesday evening. Subject for Sunday, "Jesus Christ." Reading room open from 2:00 o'clock until 4:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Baptist church. Christmas entertainment Friday night, December 22nd. Sunday morning service at 10:00 o'clock; sermon, "And the Government Shall Be Upon His Shoulder." Christmas music by the choir. Christmas talk to the children. Sunday school at 11:15 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6 o'clock. Topic, "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." Leader, L. A. Sharp. Evening service at 7:00 o'clock; sermon, "The Great Christmas Gift." Baptism.

First Presbyterian church. Christmas cantata Saturday night at 7:30. Sunday, December 24th, at 10:00 a. m., public worship with special Christmas music. Sabbath school at 11:30. East End Sabbath school at 2:45. Public worship at 7:00 p. m.; subject, "Saved if We Are Fit to Be Saved." Special Christmas music.

The pastor will preach at the United Brethren church next Sunday evening on the subject of "Peace on Earth." Other services of the week as usual.

THE THEATRE

The Idlehour.

On Friday night, Geraldine Farrar, the famous grand opera star, will appear in "Temptation," a story of the difficulties which are met by a beautiful girl in her struggle to reach the top in her chosen profession, without yielding to the many temptations forced upon her. Miss Farrar will be remembered for her wonderful work in "Carmen," shown at the Idlehour a few weeks ago. She is a really great actress and her admirers will do well not to miss this opportunity to see her work.

On Saturday, Wm. S. Hart will appear again, in "The Aryan," which is considered one of his best pictures.

The old-type of "Western" drama, which was seen so much five or six years ago, is not to be considered in the same class with those presented by Wm. S. Hart. Mr. Hart is acknowledged throughout the moving picture industry to be the greatest "Western" character in the world. He has elevated this style of drama to the high plane of real art.

For Christmas day the Idlehour has booked a special attraction that will be especially appropriate to the day—Mary Pickford in "The Foundling."

Hundreds of Alma people were delighted with this charming actress in "Rags," when it was shown at the Idlehour several months ago, and the best that can be said for "The Foundling" is that it is fully as good, or better than "Rags." Together with this will be shown the first three-reel chapter of "Liberty," the newest and greatest serial story ever filmed.

"Liberty" has been a record-breaker in every house where it has been shown, which simply means that people have liked it.

A special matinee, free to children under 14 years, will be given on Christmas day at 11:00 o'clock. It will be out at 1:00 o'clock, and get the kiddies home in time for dinner.

The regular matinee will start at 3:00 o'clock with a continuous show for the rest of the day.

The Genesta

The star system is one that has recently borne the brunt of considerable criticism in motion pictures. How to offset this criticism is a problem that has given many producers acute headaches. Now comes Mary Pickford, the foremost star of them all, with what appears to be a thoroughly satisfactory solution of the entire problem. She says that a star is known by the company he keeps, and to prove it has assembled for her newest production one of the most notable casts of supporting players ever seen on the screen of a motion picture theatre. Such well known players of the legitimate and motion picture stage as David Powell, Frank Losee, Mary Alden, Mario Majeroni, Cesare Gravina and Mercita Esmond are prominent in the cast.

It is a coincidence that this cast has been assembled for "Less Than the Dust," which will be presented by Artercraft Picture Corporation at the Genesta theatre. This is the first Mary Pickford play to be released since the famous star said farewell to the programme system and decided to make productions independently, whenever she found a story that exactly fitted her and with more attention to detail than is possible under the clock and calendar method of making pictures at so many feet a day.

NOTICE TO ARCADE TAX PAYERS

I will be at the Alma State Savings Bank on Saturday, December 16, and Friday, December 22, and Saturday, December 30, and January 6; and at the Ithaca Savings Bank Thursday, December 14, 21, 28 and January 4, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

J. R. WILSON,
Treasurer.

UNCEASING MISERY

Some Alma Kidney Sufferers Get Little Rest or Comfort.

There is little sleep, little rest, little peace for many a sufferer from kidney trouble. Life is one continual round of pain. You can't rest at night when there's kidney backache. You suffer twinges and "stabs" of pain, annoying urinary disorders, lameness and nervousness. You can't be comfortable at work with darting pains and blinding dizzy spells. Neglect these ailments and serious troubles may follow. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of disorder. Thousands have testified to their merit. Alma readers will find convincing proof in the following testimony.

Mrs. H. Cooper, R. R. No. 1, Wheeler, Mich., says: "My back ached and I had other troubles with my kidneys. I was nervous and dizzy. Doan's Kidney Pills entirely relieved the complaint. There is no doubt about Doan's Kidney Pills being the best medicine to be had. I think that anyone who gives them a fair trial will receive good results."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Cooper had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

START FREIGHT HOUSE

Work has started on the new Pere Marquette freight house which is to be constructed here. The new freight house will be built just to the north of the present structure. The piling on which the building will rest is practically all in place and the work of constructing the building will be rushed. The new freight house has been made necessary through an 800 per cent increase in the business of the Pere Marquette in this city.

GRANGE LIFE INSURANCE

For cheap rates and high grade policy it will pay you to see Ora U. Akin, 1004 State street, or M. C. Lake, Ithaca.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT FOR STIFF JOINTS

Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles, making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liniment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a single application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liniment is clean, convenient and quickly effective, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.—Adv.

MARKET REPORT

Following are the prices paid by the Alma Grain & Lumber Company mill December 14, 1916.

Wheat, red \$1.55
Wheat, white 1.50
Oats50
Beans, new 5.25
Barley, cwt. 1.75
Rye 1.30
Corn, shelled90
Clover seed \$8.00 to \$9.00

CATTLE MARKET

Fat cattle \$4.50 to \$6.50
Fat calves \$8.00 to \$9.50
Fat lambs \$7.50 to \$9.50
Prime hogs \$8.00 to \$8.75
Figs \$5.50 to \$7.50
Dressed hogs \$11.00 to \$12.00
No. 1 Spring chickens 14c
No. 1 Hens43
Eggs34
Butter 25c to 35c

PROGRESSIVE COLUMN

The progressive people are rapidly joining the ALMA HOME COMPANY'S PROGRESSIVE COLUMN.

We invite every man and woman in Alma to join our Progressive column, and help fill this page.

The following is a list of those who have purchased a house, and they are having them erected by the ALMA HOME BUILDING CO.

Garland Nevitt has purchased a beautiful six-room bungalow, with full basement, furnace and inside toilet. Being erected on lot fourteen Michigan Heights. It is for sale.

Mr. Garland Nevitt has also purchased a beautiful five-room bungalow, with full basement, furnace and inside toilet. It is being erected on lot fifteen Michigan Heights. It is also for sale, by the ALMA HOME BUILDING CO.

Mr. John Chick has purchased a five-room cottage on a cement wall, and is having it built by It is for sale on easy terms. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Calkins have purchased a beautiful six-room bungalow, full basement, and plumbing. It will please you to watch this house erected. It is not for sale.

Mr. J. A. Pinkston has purchased two fine artistic houses from the ALMA HOME BUILDING CO., and which are being erected with inside toilets. They are for sale on easy terms.

Mr. Elmer Mapes and wife have purchased from the ALMA HOME BUILDING CO. a beautiful six-room bungalow, which is also being erected by the ALMA HOME BUILDING CO.

These people have joined the Progressive Column and are more than pleased with their homes.

You are invited to join the list and help to BOOM Alma.—Ad.

GENESTA
THEATRE

See Our
Stars Shine

COMING

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

WILLIAM FARNUM

IN

"The New
Governor"

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

KATHLYN WILLIAMS

IN

"Into The
Primitive"

MONDAY, DEC. 25

ROBERT EDESON

IN

"The Absentee"
A Powerful Capital and Labor Problem Play

MONDAY, JAN. 1

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

IN

"The Pawn
Shop"

Also

"The Wizard
of Oz"

FREE MATINEE

to All Children Under 12
Years of Age

MONDAY, JAN. 15

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

IN

A Burlesque on
"CARMEN"

MONDAY, JAN. 22

MARY PICKFORD

IN

Her Own \$250,000 Production

"Less Than
Dust"

This Is Positively the Highest Priced Production That Has Ever Played Alma.

Coming Soon

BERTHA CALASH

WILLIAM FARNUM

THEDA BARA

VIRGINIA PEARSON

Mme. PETROVA

LOUISE LOVELY

VIOLET MERSEREAU

ELLA HALL

FRANCIS FORD

GRACE CUNARD

CLARA KIMBALL

YOUNG

WILLIAM RUSSELL

"Christmas
Lights"

Little lights, glowing "to light the Christ Child on his way," shine from the windows of the home of Carter H. Harrison of Chicago on Christmas eve.

The wife of Chicago's former mayor has observed the ancient custom every Christmas eve within the reaches of her memory.

"There would be something missing from Christmas eve if the little lights were forgotten," Mrs. Harrison said. "It would be like a Christmas without a tree."

Joseph, Murray, attorney, is another prominent Chicagoan who never has let Christmas eve pass without helping to keep this pretty Christmas custom alive.

Mrs. William A. Amberg of the Christ Child society regards the revival of the custom as "a pretty tribute to the ideals of Christmas."

Special for Xmas

For your Christmas Trees, Greens and Cut Flowers call

East Side
Green House

or

RUSSELL NUMMER

Both Phones at Greenhouse

Gray & Gray

Lunch Room

The best that can be obtained for the money is what we give our patrons. Let us convince you.

Your
Printing

If it is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well.

First class work at all times is our motto.

Let us figure with you on your next job.

The Very Best Candies Are
None Too Good For You.

We are making our famous DeLuxe Candies—fresh every day—and the kind that will please her. The best there is in light Lunches, etc.

De Luxe Candy Company

Studebaker

The Day of High Prices for
Fine Cars has Passed.

Studebaker New Series 18 Cars, with seven new, special and exclusive improvements are FINE CARS warranted by us to completely satisfy the most particular and fastidious persons. We believe these cars represent the greatest automobile values ever offered to the buying public, and that persons accustomed to paying \$2,000 or \$3,000 for cars will, upon examination, concede that these Studebakers equal ANY such cars in quality of material, design, workmanship and finish, and also concede the truth of our statement that THE DAY OF HIGH PRICES FOR FINE CARS HAS PASSED.

Four \$940 Six \$1180

M. L. PERRIGO, Alma, Mich.



Every Dollar You Put Into
Good Lumber Is Well Invested

GOOD Buildings not only conserve crops, live stock and machinery, but they add to the equipment and value of the farm. Whether you want lumber for repairs or for building, we offer you the best investment.

THE PLACE TO BUY—

HOME LUMBER & FUEL CO.
ALMA, MICH.

Gas Coke

\$6.25 per ton C. O. D.

Until and including Dec. 30, 1916.

It has been our policy, since we have had coke to dispose of to, sell the same at as low a figure as was consistent with the cost of the coal from which it is made.

We shall continue to follow this policy, but owing to the fact that the coal companies have announced an increase in the price of coal to us, it becomes necessary for us to increase the retail price to

\$6.75 per ton C. O. D.

Beginning January 1, 1917.

We will accept orders at the old price this month for immediate deliveries only.

Gratiot County Gas Co.